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Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the Final Office Action dated September 20, 2004 by way of the following amendment and remarks as well as the enclosed DECLARATION OF MATTHEW J. BIRDSALL PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.131.

Amendments to the Specification are set forth on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.